APPLICATION

for the post of Visiting Surgeon to the Western Infirmary

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2 Woodside Terrace,
Glasgow, 20*th October*, 1911.

TO THE MANAGERS
OF THE WESTERN INFIRMARY
OF GLASGOW.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to offer myself as a candidate for the post of Visiting Surgeon to the Western Infirmary of Glasgow.

For eleven and a half years I have been an assistant surgeon to the Hospital, and during that time have had charge of wards for some months each year.

In 1895 I was asked by Sir Hector Cameron to assist him in teaching his Clinical Class at the Western Infirmary. This I continued to do for over twelve years, at first in a private capacity, and afterwards for eight years as official University Assistant. During that time I was in almost daily attendance in his wards, and assisted him at operations.

After my appointment, in 1900, as assistant surgeon I was entrusted with the charge of the wards whenever Sir Hector Cameron was absent; and with the care of all urgent cases admitted during the night. Many serious and critical cases thus came under my care, and I gained an extensive knowledge of the surgical work of the hospital.

In January, 1908, I was appointed for a term of four years examiner in Clinical Surgery for degrees in the University of Edinburgh, and had, in accordance with the ordinances of the University Court, to resign my post in the University of Glasgow.

Since 1899 I have been one of the extra surgeons to the Royal Hospital for Sick Children in Glasgow.

I acted as Dispensary Surgeon to the Western Infirmary from November, 1896, till April, 1900, when I was promoted to be an assistant surgeon. Previous to that I had held the position of Demonstrator of Anatomy in Glasgow University for a year, and also that of Demonstrator of Operative Surgery in Anderson's College.

For a number of years I have been one of the lecturers to the nurses of the Western Infirmary, and have taken part in their examination.

I am forty-two years of age, a Master of Arts of Glasgow University, and graduated M.B. and C.M. with commendation at the same University in 1892.

After graduation I was for a year Resident Assistant in the Western Infirmary, and thereafter spent a year as a post-graduate student in London.

Since then I have made repeated visits to the cliniques of distinguished surgeons in this country, on the Continent of Europe, and in the United States.

Should you do me the honour to appoint me to fill the present vacancy, it would be my constant endeavour to discharge to the best of my ability the duties of the post.

Yours faithfully,

ALFRED A. YOUNG.

I enclose two testimonials with reference to my work at the Western Infirmary and in the University of Edinburgh.

From F. M. Caird, M.D., F.R.C.S.E., *Regius Professor of Clinical Surgery in the University of Edinburgh.*

13 Charlotte Square,
Edinburgh, 11*th Oct.*, 1911.

Mr. Alfred A. Young has acted as one of my co-examiners in Clinical Surgery, and it gives me pleasure on this occasion to write in his favour. Mr. Young brought with him from the Western Infirmary an excellent reputation as an anatomist, teacher and surgeon. His medical training followed upon his graduation in the Arts Faculty.

He has kept directly in touch with matters surgical by foreign travel and study, he has contributed the results of his thought and experience to surgical literature, and he has proved himself to have the power of communicating his knowledge to others in a clear and forcible manner. His zeal and energy as a good worker and able surgeon are well appreciated by all with whom he is brought in contact. His courteous bearing, his kindliness and skill will all contribute largely to the advantage of the school with which he is related.

F. M. CAIRD.

From SIR HECTOR C. CAMERON, M.D., *Professor of Clinical Surgery in the University of Glasgow.*

18 WOODSIDE CRESCENT,

GLASGOW, 16*th December*, 1907.

I HAVE known DR. A. A. YOUNG since his student days, and for the last seven years or more he has acted as my class assistant and as my substitute in the wards whenever I am absent. In the latter capacity he has had very unusual opportunities of acquiring experience and skill in surgical practice, while in the former he has done a great deal of teaching work.

This combined experience is the best possible preparation for the duty of examining.

I know him besides to be a patient, fair-minded, and just man, and I feel sure that he will discharge, with much acceptance, the duties of additional examiner in a University, if he be appointed to such a post.

HECTOR C. CAMERON.

[This Testimonial was given in support of my application for the Examinership in Clinical Surgery in the University of Edinburgh, and is reprinted on this occasion with Sir Hector Cameron's approval.]